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1. DAY BEFORE HURRICANE CYNTHIA HIT CUBA, BETWEEN 900 AND 1000 SOVIET TECHS LEFT BY SHIP FROM SANTIAGO DE CUBA. ON 10 NOV APPROX 200 SOVS WERE SEEN WALKING STREETS HAVANA WITH SUITCASES PRIOR DEBARKATION. (SOURCE [REDACTED] DOI: 9 DEC).

2. ALL SOUS APPEAR TO BE TECHS, ALTHO YOUNG. MOST OBSERVED
BY DESIGNET HAD NO MILITARY BEARING, IN SLOPPY PHYSICAL SHAPE,
W/OUT HIS ASSUMPTION THEY CIVILIANS. FRIEND

LIVES ON ROAD TO PINAR DEL RIO, TOLD [b7c] "SIX MONTHS
AND THE SOVS DID NOT PERMIT ANYONE TO ENTER THEIR CAMP NEAR EL
DUE FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS CUBAN OFFICIALS ENTER IN LARGE
NUMBER AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVS HAD BEEN REDUCED BY TWO
THOUSAND. (SIC). THE CAMP IN SORGOA CLOSED DOWN ABOUT SIX MONTHS
AGO BUT IT THOUGH THEY HAVE RETURNED TO EL PINAR NEAR PENA ROCA.

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ARMY. ORIGINAL CONTINGENT OF SOVS. ARRIVED IN 1961
AND ARRIVING WITH FAMILIES. (SOURCE: [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] SEEN IN UNIFORM, ALL WEAR SPORT SHIRTS OF VARIOUS
COLORS, APPARENTLY CUBAN MADE. NO TIGUERAS, OF COURSE, SINCE
THEY ARE SYMBOLIC OF PLAYBOYS. IN A CAFE [REDACTED] SAW WENT TO TABLE
[REDACTED] CHINESE, ONE IN PALE BLUE TUNIC AND OTHER THREE IN
[REDACTED] SUITS. [REDACTED] SAW AND HEARD NO MENTION OF NO OTHER ASIATICS,
WHITE TYPES.

[REDACTED] SAW ON 13 DEC TEN TRUCKS, DESCRIBED AS SOVIET TYPE ON
ROAD FROM MATANCAS TO VERACRUZ. EACH TRUCK HAD 5 LARGE
CANNONS AND ONE SMALLER WHEN RAISED OFF GROUND. DOUBLE TURRETS,
LARGE CANNON. ON 15 DEC SIX TRUCKS WERE GOING SAME DIRECTION.
[REDACTED] HE SAW 5 LARGE TRUCKS DRIVEN BY SOVS AND CARRYING FIVE
WOMEN. LATER SAME DAY SAW TEN MORE. ALL GOING FROM RANCHO
BOQUERA AREA TOWARDS THE INTERIOR. [REDACTED] ALL SAW MATRONS 250 DURING
VISIT. ALL SOVS IN 22-28 AGE GROUP.

4. SEE TWO, ABOVE.

5. FLOW OF SOVS IS CONSISTENT WITH NEEDS CASTRO GOVT. MANY
MANY MORE WILL COME AS NEED ARISES. TYPICAL ATTITUDE OF MAN
IN STREET IS "SOVS HERE TO STAY".

6. NO INFO SOVS IN CUBAN MILITIA UNIFORMS.

[REDACTED] HEARD NO SPECIFIC MENTION: NO GUARANTEE FROM
[REDACTED] AGREEMENT, ALSO CASTRO SENSITIVE TO CHARGE HE SOVIET
[REDACTED] PROVE HE INDEPENDENT, CAN VOTE AGAINST USSR
[REDACTED] NEEDS OF CUBA.
[REDACTED] THIS POLICY SHOWS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING REALITIES CUBA

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LIFE: NO GOC OFFICIAL OPPOSES FOR FEAR OF OWN LIFE. IN ANY EVENT, OPPOSITION WOULD HAVE NO VALUE OR MEANING. COMMON QUOTE: "FIDEL HACE Y FIDEL DESHACE".

3. SEE ONE, ABOVE.

4. NOT KNOWN, BUT CUBAN POSITION IN DISPUTE VERY INDEPENDANT, UNAFFECTED.

PART C

1. MOST OF THE MILITIA PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO ARMY REGULARS PAST SIX MONTHS.

2. UNKNOWN

3. ⁰² [D] IMPRESSION IS THAT CUBAN ARMY NOW WELL TRAINED AND ORGANIZED.

4. ON TEN DEC. NEAR SOROA, ALL CARS HALTED ON ROAD WHILE CONTINGENT CUBAN TROOPS SURROUNDED A CAME FIELD AND SPRAYED IT WITH GUNFIRE, SEARCHED IT, BUT FOUND NO ONE. TROOPS WELL FED AND SUPPLIED. (SOURCE: [] 9 DEC). SOROA APPROX 80 KMS FROM PARANA TOWARDS P. MAR DEL RIO.

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C/S COMMENT: GCS HIGHLY INTERESTED [] DES: CUBA RETURN CUBA AS OBSERVER SINGLETON.

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